Introduced by the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee pursuant to Section 92.09, Ordinance Code:

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ORDINANCE 2024-246-E

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE KINGS CREEK I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("KINGS CREEK I CDD"), PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.005, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CHAPTER 92, ORDINANCE CODE, INCLUDING THE GRANT OF SPECIAL POWERS; NAMING THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; NAMING THE INITIAL DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AMENDING SECTION 92.22 (EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS), CHAPTER 92 (UNIFORM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS), ORDINANCE CODE, TO INCLUDE THE KINGS Ι CDD; PROVIDING FOR CREEK CONFLICT SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, EPG JAX, LLC, a Florida limited liability corporation, petitioned the City Council to establish a community development district ("CDD") named the Kings Creek I Community Development District on approximately 1198.18 acres lying wholly within the boundaries of the City pursuant to F.S. Chapter 190.005(2) and Chapter 92, Ordinance Code, a copy of the Petition to Establish the Kings Creek I Community Development District ("Petition") is On File with the Legislative Services Division; and

WHEREAS, if established as proposed in the Petition, the Kings Creek I Community Development District would thereafter exist and operate as an independent special district as set forth in F.S. Ch. 190; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 92.07, Ordinance Code, the Office of General Counsel ("Counsel") has reviewed the Petition, and finding that it was sufficient and complete to permit the fair and informed consideration of the matter by the Council, has prepared and submitted its Final Report of Counsel, dated March 20, 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has provided its report and recommendation regarding the Petition to the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, Petitioner acknowledges that nothing about the adoption of this Ordinance shall in any way waive any of the City's, or any other governing or regulatory entities', rights to grant or not grant entitlements for the development to be serviced by the Kings Creek I CDD (the "Development"), or otherwise prejudice the City's, or any other governing or regulatory entities', ability to govern or regulate the planning or permitting of the Development; and

WHEREAS, Counsel has determined the Petition adequately meets the requirements of Section 190.005, Florida Statutes, and Section 92.04, Ordinance Code, and is therefore complete and sufficient to permit fair and informed review thereof; and

WHEREAS, all notice requirements of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, Section 92.11, Ordinance Code, and other applicable laws were complied with, complete notice was timely given, and a public hearing held on the date and time noticed and conducted thereafter in compliance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, in making its fair and informed determination whether to grant or deny the Petition, the Council has considered the Petition in light of the record developed at the public hearing and in relation to the six factors set forth in Section 190.005(1)(e), Florida Statutes; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Name. A community development district is hereby established within the City to be known hereafter as the Kings Creek I Community Development District.

Section 2. Boundaries. The boundaries of the Kings Creek I Community Development District established by this ordinance are as set forth in the legal description contained in the Petition which is On File with the Legislative Services Division. The legal description, dated December 8, 2023, and boundary sketch, dated January 2024, as described within the Petition is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Section 3. Board of Supervisors. The following five persons, as set forth in the Petition, are designated to be the initial members of the governing Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Kings Creek I Community Development District:

- a. Nicholas Dister
- b. Carlos de la Ossa
- c. Keith Hyatt

- d. Bob Koncar
- e. Dan Pickett

Section 4. Grant of Special Powers. Consent is hereby granted to the Kings Creek I Community Development District, pursuant to Section 190.012(2)(a), Florida Statutes, to exercise the power to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems and facilities for parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural and educational uses, all to be exercised only in compliance and consistent with all applicable laws including the City's 2045 Comprehensive Plan and City's land development regulations.

Section 5. Chapter 92 (Uniform Community Development Districts), Section 92.22 (Existing Community Development Districts),

Ordinance Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 92. UNIFORM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.

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Sec. 92.22. Existing Community Development Districts

The following CDDs have been established in the City:

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(13) Reserved. Kings Creek I Community Development District. The Kings Creek I Community Development District was established in Ordinance 2024-246-E and was granted consent to exercise special powers to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems and facilities for parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural and educational uses and security.

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Section 6. Powers and Authority. The powers and functions of the District are described in Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District shall have all powers and functions pursuant to, among other provisions, Section 190.011 and Sections 190.012(1), (3) and (4), Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. In addition, consent is hereby given to the District's Board of Supervisors to exercise the powers set forth in Sections 190.012(2)(a) and (d), Florida Statutes.

Section 7. Conflict and Severability. Any portion of this ordinance determined finally by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in conflict with prevailing law shall not be effective to the extent of such conflict and shall be deemed severable and the remainder shall continue in full force and effect to the extent legally possible.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.